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Getting a leg up

Photo by John Podkowa

St. Michael's Senior Forward Katy Downey struggles for control of the ball in a recent game against Plymouth StateCollege. The Knights suffered a 1-0 loss.

Stipends paid to student leaders are questioned

By Jake Mosher
Staff Writer

The question of student stipends at Saint Michael's, in particular who receives what and why, has surfaced during this year's Student Association budget process.

Mike Manna, SA secretary of finance, said two dozen students receive stipends from $250 to $1,600 for their work at WWPV-FM, The Defender newspaper, Hilltop yearbook, and the S.A.

Topping the salary chart at $1,600 is the executive editor of The Defender followed by the S.A. president who makes $1,300.

The fact that the executive editor makes more than the president is upsetting to Manna.

"The editor should be below the president because he is the cornerstone of the student community and has the most responsibility. He's responsible for everyone else in a way," Manna said.

Manna said there was a chance the dollar amount of these stipends would change after the final S.A. budget meeting on September 26.

"Ideally, the president should be making the most and everyone else should fall beneath him," Manna said.

Dianne Lynch, chair of the Journalism department said that the amount of a stipend should not be attached to a position. Lynch said students working for The Defender who receive stipends have specific job descriptions outlining their responsibilities and spend up to 40 hours every week on the job. She said job descriptions should dictate the amount of stipends.

Manna said he would like to see the president's stipend remain $1,300 and possibly move the editor's stipend down to $1,200.

The S.A. paid $16,075 in stipends during 1992-93 from the money it receieved from each student's activities fee. The clubs which offer stipends have to outline specific dollar amounts for them in their budget request to the S.A., Manna said. "This way we know what we're paying for," he said.

Manna said there were several reasons why stipends accompanied student government and the three campus media outlets.

"Everyone is touched by these four areas of school. If you don't perform up to expectations, it's going to show," he added.

Manna also said the amount of time students spend working for these clubs precludes them obtaining outside employment.

Manna said if stipend amounts change this year, they will be based on a scale based on the time and responsibility of the position.

(The following is a list of who receives stipends and how much each position receives)

WWPV
Station Manager- $1,000
Program Director- $800
Music Director- $700
Production Manager- $700
Summer Manager- $800

THE DEFENDER

Executive Editor-$1,600
Managing Editor- $1,200
Business Manager- $500
Sports Editor -$250
News Editor- $250
Features Editor-$250

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

President- $1,300
Vice-President- $1,100
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Rathskellar Managers- $1,000 each

HILLTOP YEARBOOK

Hilltop Editor- $600

"Right now, there's absolutely no scale. There will be a change," Manna said.

Manna said the S.A. was considering having Pat Slattery, head of human development, evaluate job descriptions and assign dollar

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M.O.V.E. members pressure S.A. to increase budget allocation

by Mark Powers
Staff Writer

The Student Association budget process is well underway, and the tentative numbers for each club will be presented to the Senate on September 28th at 7:00p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Center. The budget process has not been a completely smooth one, however. S.A. Secretary of Finance Mike Manna and the Finance Committee have not been able to please all organizations, most notably Mobilization Of Volunteer Efforts, or M.O.V.E

Yesterday Director of M.O.V.E. Ann Giombetti revealed that the Fianance Commitee had reconsidered and was awarding them an additional $2,000, increasing their total to $18,500.

Members of M.O.V.E. emerged from their budget meeting last Wednesday very displeased with the $16,500 they were tentatively awarded.

M.O.V.E. director Ann Giombetti said about MOVE's volunteers, "I can't say enough how many times people comment on

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In The News...

Mandela offered honorary degree

African National Congress founder Nelson Mandela may be offered an honorary doctoral degree by the University of Florida, for his work in human rights in South Africa.

"It's in delicate negotiations right now. We haven't heard yet, said Peter Schmidt, director of the Center for African studies at UF. A formal invitation will be sent to Mandela if he is interested in accepting. Mandela was nominated by Schmidt and Distinguished Service Professor Carlton Davies a year ago, and negotiations began shortly thereafter.

Mandela spent 27 years in a South African prison before being freed.

Enrollment reaches record high

The number of college students enrolled in public and private institutions is expected to reach a new high of 15 million this fall, Secretary of education Richard Riley said in the annual "back-to-school" forecast. The number of earned degrees that will be awarded this academic year is also expected to set records. According to the Department of Education estimates, 504,000 associate degrees will be awarded; 1.1 million bachelor's degrees; 378,000 master's degrees; 41,000 doctorates; and 75,000 professional degrees in medicine, theology and law.

It is estimated that colleges and universities will spend about $198.1 billion in 1993-94, up 3 percent since 1992. In the past 10 years, higher education spending has climbed 53 percent.

Average spending per full-time equivalent college student is forecast to reach $15,900, up 23 percent since 1983-84. Public college spending averages $13,400 per student; for private colleges, spending averages $24,000.

Heisman Trophy winner returns

After 20 years, a Heisman Trophy winner is back in the classroom at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln working toward a degree that he never received.

Former Cornhusker wingback Johnny Rogers, 42, who was awarded the Heisman Trophy in 1972, said he regrets not completing the coursework for his degree, and this time he'll stay in school until he completes his education.

Rogers, a Lincoln resident is president of the Omaha-based Malcolm X Memorial Foundation. His education is being paid for by the Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

Rogers will make public appearances and work on projects for the university.

College students in northeast drink more than any in country

By Damian Graybelle
Staff Writer

College students from the northeastern United States average the highest number of alcoholic drinks per week, the College Press Service reported, and St. Michael's seems to follow the rule rather than be the exception.

The College Press Service reported that college students in the northeast average 7.1 drinks per week, and that 53 percent of students binge, which is defined as having had more than five drinks in a row in the past two weeks. College students in the north central section of the country average 5.3 drinks per week, the south: 3.9, and the west: 2.9 drinks per week. In these areas, less than half of the students are considered binge drinkers.

The study, entitled "Alcohol and Drugs on American College Campuses: Use, Consequence, and Perceptions of the Campus Environment," was authored by Cheryl A. Presley of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Phillip W. Meilman of The College of William and Mary in Willliamsburg, Va.

School administrators could not explain why the report was true, but they agreed that it was fairly accurate.

Mike Samara, the Dean of Students at St. Michael's, said that in August of 1992, he had sent a similar report to parents that cited abusive drinking as a problem, particularly in the northeastern part of the country.

But how does this report relate to St. Michael's?

"As an Irish Catholic institution, alcohol plays a prominent part in the culture and the Church," Dave Landers, Director of the Student Resource Center, and an adjunct in the Psychology department, said.

"It's not a question of background, but a matter of males being taught to win, win, win," Lou Dimasi, the Director of Residence Life, and Asst. Dean of Students said.

Students felt the report was accurate "There's more drinking at St. Michael's than seven drinks a week," sophomore Tim Arango said.

To discover if this was true, students were asked to place themselves into one of four categories: An average of 0-5 drinks per week, 5-10 drinks per week, 10-20 drinks per week, or 20 or more drinks a week.

"As an Irish Catholic institution, alcohol plays a prominent part in the culture and the church."

• Dave Landers; director, Student Resource Center

The student polled results showed that the average was on the high end of 5-10 drinks per week, the same category that the northeastern average falls into.

Many St. Michael's students said that almost every student on campus could be considered a binge drinker, and 80 percent said that according to the definition of the study, they were binge drinkers. "Binge drinking is the only way to get intoxicated, and intoxication is the big attraction to drinking," Tim Arango added. "I support pro-responsible drinking for students who are legal, Dimasi said, "it's not a question of use, but a question of abuse."

"I think there's a lot of excessive drinking and binge drinking," Landers said. "College is a reflection of society, and society has an alcohol problem."

What qualifies as illegal behavior as St. Michael's ?

The student handbook in the "Responsibilities, Rights, and Rules" section on page 24, states that all students must be at least 21 in order to drink on campus, and legal drinking must be done only on certain parts of campus. It also outlaws kegs, beerballs, and multi-liter containers. The consequences of breaking these laws range from disciplinary probation to dismissal from the college.

Students who are are too drunk or to combative may be brought to ACT 1, a correctional facility, Lou Dimasi said. "ACT 1 is a location in Burlington, where you are taken if it is deemed that you are intoxicated beyond control," Dimasi said. The purpose of ACT 1 and other programs at St. Michael's are " to enable a student not to go down a self-destructive path," Lou Dimasi said. He also said that approximately 14-17 people went to ACT 1 last year, and they all checked out medically.

Students were asked if they felt St. Michael's alcohol policy was too strict.

"They're far too strict on the keg rule and multi-liter container rule." Steve Jalbert said. "If we're keeping it under control (drinking), they shouldn't worry about it," sophomore Colin Terry said.

"When people drink, they don't think of the consequences, so they don't worry about the alcohol policy," sophomore Brian Cullina said.

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Security report for September 19 through 25, 1993

Submitted by Cpl. David Macpeek

09/19

6:38 p.m. Took report of stolen gas cap in Founders parking lot.

7:45 p.m. Took report of vandalism to motor vehicle in Hodson parking lot.

09/20

3:16 p.m. Assisted SMC rescue at health services with student having abdominal pains.

09/24

1:53 a.m. False fire alarm at Ryan hall.

9:00 a.m. Took late report of stolen property from the Herrouet theater on north campus.

2:00 p.m. False fire alarm at Lyons hall.

2:37 p.m. Assisted UVM rescue at Ryan hall, student with head injury.

5:49 p.m. Assisted SMC rescue on Jacobs field with a student who sustained a head injury.

09/25

9:31 p.m. Assisted UVM rescue at Joyce hall with an intoxicated student.

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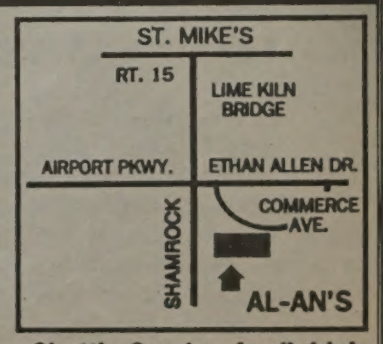

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M.O.V.E.members prompt S.A. to change budget allocation

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the value of Saint Michael's students." Assitant Director Steve Garbarino also pointed out that none of the student members of M.O.V.E. receive stipends.

Because M.O.V.E. uses the leased van more than any other organization, the Finance Committee proposed that $2000 must come from M.O.V.E.'s budget for the van.

As a result, M.O.V.E.'s operating budget would have been $14,500 and not $16,500. If that number receives final approval, MOVE will have $475 less than last year's budget of $14,975.

Giombetti said, "We're willing to pay for a portion of the van, because we do use it a lot, but I don't know that people felt it was fair to pay all $2000," said Giombetti. Despite being displeased with the amount M.O.V.E. was granted, Giombetti said "I thought the process was fair." However, M.O.V.E. volunteer Marc LePage said "the process is biased against groups asking for larger chunks of money."

M.O.V.E. was planning to protest its budget allotment at the meeting Tuesday, September 28th, said LePage. The meeting is open to all clubs and organizations, as well as anyone else who wishes to attend.

Other clubs, however, seemed relatively pleased with the process and their budget grants. At the close of WWPV's budget meeting, Station Manager Rob Hopper said, "I expected some cuts and I tried making the budget as true as I could, but yes, I'm pretty happy." WWPV was allotted $17,036.

"The budget process is biased against groups asking for large chunks of money"

•M.O.V.E. student coordinator Marc Lepage voicing his complaint with the budget process

Hilltop editor Kerri Pollard said the yearbook's budget was $27,300, an increase of five percent over last year, "I think the amount is fair."

The budget process is fairly straightforward. Each organization must submit a budget proposal to the Finance Committee. The Committee studies the proposals, then meets individually with each club to discuss its budget. Because more money is usually requested than is available, the Committee makes suggestions to each group on where it may be able to cut unnecessary expenditures from its budget. These are only suggestions, however, as the club itself ultimately decides which of its programs will be cut.

Manna said that the total amount the SA has to allocate this year is $213,200, which reflects this year's 30 percent increase in the activities fee. A total of 24 organizations submitted budget proposals, amounting to $69,870 over what is available.

Manna explained that cuts would have to be made across the board in order to reach $213,200. Complicating the process is the fact that four new clubs are eligible for money that they were not eligible for last year.

The Snowboarding Club will be conditionally recognized and is eligible for up to $500, and the Philosophy Club, Rugby Club, and the Diversity Coalition will now be unconditionally recognized and eligible for up to $2000 each.

The final vote on the budget will occur Tuesday, October 5th.

Stipends questioned in budget process

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amounts to them as she does for all other positions at the college.

Slattery said she was asked to do this about two years ago but never heard back from the S.A. She said she is still open to working with the S.A.

On the other hand, Manna said since a stipend is not a wage, Slattery's results might not "favor what people want."

"The stipend is not a wage. No one should take these jobs because of the money. That would be ridiculous," Manna said.

Mike Samara, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said stipends have been a part of St. Michael's since before he came here 17 years ago.

Samara said the amount attached to each stipend was more historical than calculated. He agreed with Manna that students in these positions can't hold jobs so the positions must have stipends.

"As far as I know, there aren't any job descriptions to evaluate time and responsibility against," Samara said. In the S.A. constitution, each office has a list of duties but it they aren't formal job description like other paid members of the college have, he said.

"It makes abundant sense to me to have job descriptions," he said.

Ross parking design causing headaches for students, staff

By Maggie Welsh
Staff Writer

Complaints about inadequate and confusing parking areas are piling up as the new Ross Sports Center lot is almost complete.

Part-time Librarian Stephanie Burke let out a yell as she began to list her parking peeves. "There is never anywhere to park near the library. Many students park in the faculty area, so I parked in the student lot and got a ticket," she said.

Director of Security Peter Soons said that 780 tickets have been issued this semester.

Vice President for Administration and Business John Gutman jokingly referred to the new lot as a "rat maze." While the curves and islands of trees may be confusing, he said, they will help to ensure that St. Michael's "doesn't look like K-mart."

College Engineer David Cutler emphasized that work is not complete. This lot, which accompanies the new field house, has been planned for four years, said Cutler. And while he agreed that the curves are confusing they will keep the lot from looking like "a sea of cars."

Construction of the area began last May and should be complete by the end of October. The existing Ross lot will not be paved until next spring.

Many complaints have surfaced regarding access to parking spaces, distance from the lot to buildings and the confusing path the road follows. Gutman pointed out that this project concludes a decade of turning St, Michael's into a campuswith peripheral parking.

The concept of a pedestrian campus discourages driving from the townhouses to Ross for a workout but does make walking on campus safer, Cutler added. The campus road will re-open however, as soon as the field house is complete.

Walking doesn't appeal to commuter Matt Keefe. The junior said the new Ross lot is "Way over... Faculty should have their own lot."

Sophomore Stephanie Zinkievich agreed: "Faculty should park in Ross and the rest should be student parking."There are not enough spaces in the Ryan lot, and, if I park in Ross I have to hike to Founders."

Soons pointed out that students here pay $3.00 for permits compared to schools such as the University of Vermont where the fees are around $50. And while he would not give away any secrets he did say that the Rotunda,Ryan, Founders, and Klein lots are watched the most.

Soons said St. Michael's has enough parking for the 1,173 registered cars on campus.

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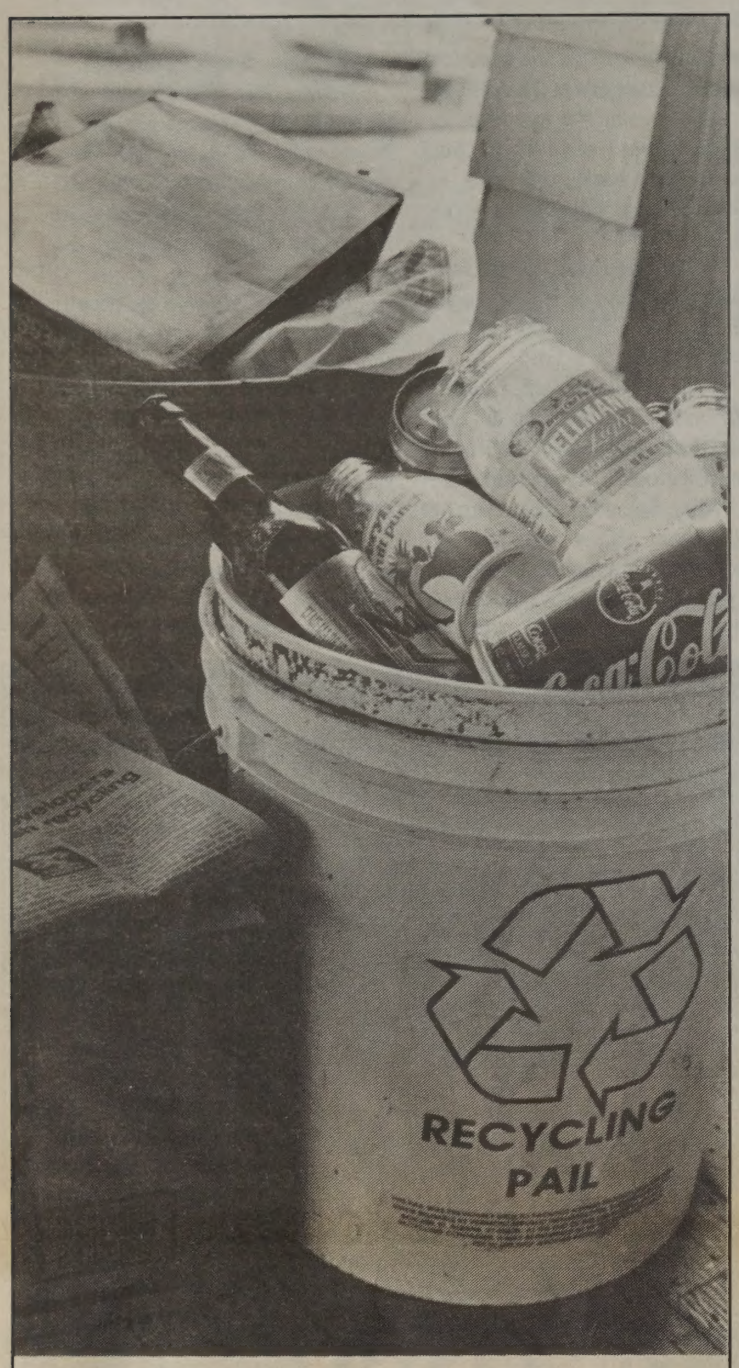


PHOTO BY JOHN PODKOWA
St. Michael's College doing it's best to conform to recycling mandates.

By Anne Peterson
Staff Writer

Some people are good at recycling, but most companies are not. St. Michael's, unfortunately, still falls under the "company" category.

Barbara Winters, the Project Manager of Waste Recycling with Chittenden Solid Waste District, said 47 percent of commercial loads contain recyclable material. Winters said that on average, "90 percent of all [Chittenden County] loads are recycled."

Since recycling was made mandatory on April 1, St. Michael's has increased its recycling by 20 percent. The goal of Chittenden County is for everyone to achieve a 40 percent recycling rate by the end of the year, said Winters.

Winters pointed out, "This does not mean that there aren't many people out there trying real hard, but simply that we all need to be made more aware of what is happening."

Mae Harrington, SMC Recycling Coordinator, is one of the many people at St. Michael's saying: "We can do better."

Returning students have found that big changes have taken place over the summer. There is more to recycle and it is simpler.

Since July 1, plastics can be put into the bins. In addition, recyclables are now divided into only two main streams: fibers and canisters.

"Recycling is not so much of a hassle anymore," says Ken Smith, Harrington's student assistant. Still, he sees that there is a need for education, especially at the beginning of the semester.

"Townhouse students are generally positive to recycling," says Annie Sanner, a senior, but she has noticed that some classrooms were missing bins, and also had a problem when there weren't bins for her cardboard.

This is why Smith, along with the rest of the core committee, are touring campus these days, trying to educate students and staff.

David McMahon, a custodian, has his own story to tell. His estimate of students in the dorms recycling "is about 50%".

Still, Harrington emphasizes, that "we aren't doing so bad". "In addition to the 20% (some of which goes to the Materials Recovery Facility in Williston), we are also recycling plastic tubes (PPC), scrap metal, and wood."

Ground waste and vegetables are composted by the grounds crew, and newspapers are shredded up by UVM for animal bedding. M.O.V.E. takes care of the returnables.

"Be Nice" says a sign on a blue returnables bin. Josh Berooks, a freshman working for M.O.V.E., confirms that he finds trash and Snapple bottles in the bins, neither of which belong there.

Harrington encourages students and staff to call her if they have anything that they want to recycle but don't know how. She can be reached on campus at 654-2651.

Recycling began at St. Michaels in October of 1989, when Kellie Haley started a student organized program. Later it expanded into a workstudy position in a garage behind Ross Sports Center.

Twice this year St. Michael's has received complaints from the Chittenden Solid Waste District that the bins are filled with material that should not be there.Every week they check the land fills for unnecessary trash.

"Significant amounts" of cardboard and metal cans from St. Michael's were found the first time. The second time it was office paper.

At the most, the highest fine is $500 per occurance, according to Winters. No one in Chittenden County, however, has been fined yet. "We hope we won't have to penalize anyone," she says.

Winters also points out that adults won't decide to recycle just because it's a rule, but that they need reasons. She argues there are many reasons for the St. Michael's community to recycle.

Winters added "It saves valuable natural resources, reduces the amount of stress put on landfills, and it can help save the earth."

Search goes on for graduation speaker

By Kelly Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The search for a graduation speaker goes on for this year's seniors.

Last spring the senior class had a meeting to gain input, letters were sent to parents for their suggestions, and faculty and staff were also consulted.

The committee will make nominations based on popularity, his or her connections with the college, and whether or not the speaker upholds the mission of the college.

These criteria must be met by any potential candidate as the speaker does not get paid for addressing the class. The choices are then brought before the Board of Trustees and the Dean of Academics.

If they approve the list then the President of St. Michael's writes a letter to the first choice asking him or her to be the speaker. If the first choice declines to speak then a letter is written to the second choice.

When asked for a list of choices, Stephanie Fucarile, the President of the Senior Class declined comment.

"There was a problem a few years ago when word got out that the speaker was not the first choice. It is all confidential to prevent that from happening. When the speaker is final then everyone will know."

Senior Lara Mackinder said,"I'd like someone I know and can relate to because when you don't know someone you haven't yet developed trust with that person."

Senior Kim Kennedy added, "I would like someone confident yet sentimental, someone who cares."

Last year's graduation speaker was Leroy Looper.

Low voter turnout in student elections

By Meghan McMenimen
Staff Writer

Student Association elections were held on September 21, but once again the S.A. was plagued with a low voter turnout.

Representatives were elected for both on-campus and off-campus housing, but in most cases, students ran unopposed. Some representative positions are still open for North Campus, townhouses, peripheral housing and off-campus housing positions because no one ran. In some cases, S.A. representatives did not even bother counting or collecting ballots which were given to students because so many students ran unopposed.

"Many students are afraid of losing, so they don't even bother running," Derek Pratt president of the S.A. said. Pratt also indicated that he was concerned that the low turnout is indicitive of the level of political apathy on campus.

Freshmen were aware that elections were being held because S.A. representatives talked at dorm meetings, posted signs all over campus, and mailed flyers out to encourage freshmen to get involved and run, he said.

The only race which had more than two people running was for president of Ryan Hall, with Tracy Newman, Maryellen Daly, and Colin Terry fighting for the position. Newman was elected.

Before the votes were counted on election night, Colin Terry explained why he ran for a position.

"I think I could be a positive influence in the S.A., and I'm tired of students not getting involved with their government."

Although class elections are held in February, first-year students voted for their class officers for this year. Amy Hoffbauer, a freshman from Seward, Nebraska said, "I wanted to represent the class, and get involved with not only the school, but also the community."

Hoffbauer made sure students knew she was running for vice president. Along with signs and posters in the dorms, she wrote on walkways all over campus in chalk, making sure everyone knew who she was.

"In high school, people made an effort to let students know that they were running." Hoffbauer couldn't understand the lack of campaign enthusiasm of candidates, especially from her opponent, Tom Wilson. She also said that some of Wilson's friends had gone out and ripped her signs down, and even dumped buckets of water on some of the sidewalks where she had chalked.

Initially, Wilson ran because his friend Rich D'Elia, who ran unopposed for class president, had asked him to. But Wilson also said, "I have a chance to make a difference here at St. Mike's." Wilson will be getting that chance, because he won the vice presidential election by a small margin. He also did not deny that his friends were responsible for vandalizing Hoffbauer's campaign, but said he had nothing to do with it.

Even though she lost, Hoffbauer explains, "I still plan on getting involved with the government and it's activities."

She believes there was a low voter turnout because not many students knew it was election Day. Hoffbauer also indicated that all freshmen knew that they could run for the S.A. because it was heavily publicized.

Story Meetings

Monday nights at 6:30 in Upper Alliot

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Students challenge apathy through S.A. budget process

(The following editorial represents the views of the majority of The Defender *staff.)*

A group of students on campus that found themselves in a rather unique position recently. An issue arose that actually angered students to a point where they did something about it.

As the Student Association budget hearings began, one group, Mobilization Of Volunteer Efforts (M.O.V.E.), felt they were not being treated fairly.

It seems the Student Association wanted M.O.V.E. to fund the operation of a van which the organization frequently uses. M.O.V.E. contended that this was unfair because they were not the sole users of the van.

In addition to the $2,000 funding of the van, M.O.V.E. also faced a budget cut of $450.

Enter the unique situation.

Students involved in M.OV.E. decided that they were not going to accept the Student Association's proposal. Instead, they petitioned students campus wide in an effort to send the S.A. a strong message--DON'T CUT OUR FUNDS.

But it didn't end there.

M.O.V.E. started a campaign to mobilize past and present volunteers to come to the first Student Association meeting and voice their frustrations.

This is what the Student Association meetings are for, and for once, a group intended to utilize this forum to stand up for themselves.

It's about time.

We find ourselves in an era where students are typically apathetic about important issues. For example, here at St. Michael's, the president of the college wants to make sweeping changes that will alter the identity of the school, yet students have not reacted, (positively or negatively) to his proposals.

The administration (Student Association officials included) have had their way with students since day one. Since students have always accepted this, the status quo has never been challenged.

This college prides itself on a strong reputation as a community-based school. M.O.V.E. is the cornerstone of community-related activities on campus. So why did the Student Association try to hinder the efforts of the most widely-participated in organization on campus?

Since M.O.V.E. is the largest group at St. Michael's with approximately 70 percent of the student population participating in one or more kind of M.O.V.E. activity throughout their four years at St. Michael's, it seems that they should have top priority among groups at budget time.

The rest of the St. Michael's community should take a lesson from the students in M.O.V.E. They have shown that institutions can be challenged. The members of M.OV.E. were persistent enough to be able to reach an agreement that did not compromise their beliefs.

It is a good example of how the Student Association process works, and what benefit students can get by standing by their guns. From here students may gain the courage to pursue other issues that interest them: the keg policy, off-campus housing availibility or student diversity.

The Student Association should welcome this challenge: it is an important part of what student government is all about. More people would attend S.A. meetings if they knew and believed that the issues to be discussed were important to them.

If students could see a process in place that encourages their participation and shows results, then the S.A. would be able to do what it was designed to do: act in the best interest of the St. Michael's community.

Although M.O.V.E. didn't have to go through the entire process (they were allotted $2,000 more to cover the van), it is encouraging to know that their needs were met. The squeaky wheel gets the oil, as they say.

Conflicting Opinions

Affirmative Action causes a reaction

From the Left

Amy Hessler
Guest Columnist

My friend Gregory is suffering from a touch of the disease I call WiMP: White Male Paranoia; the product of the reactionary backlash against affirmative action expressed most vocally by Rush Limbaugh and his conservative supporters. Greg resents the government's push towards equal opportunity for all. As a white male, he is reluctant to share the power his dominant social group has maintained for centuries through careful supervision and calculated, controlled measures. Greg welcomes equality but expects that racial and gender-based inequality will disappear without the interference of the government so long as market forces are allowed to operate freely.

While I appreciate his argument that market forces will eventually rectify racial and gender-based inequality, I charge that discrimination has roots which preclude the market's ability to function as an equalizing force capable of ensuring that all men and women, regardless of their race, have adequate opportunities to succeed and to contribute to their communities. I recognize the expense of such programs, but we have to acknowledge their success and necessity.

The "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" strategy just won't work. Many ethnic groups contend that African Americans should be able to rise above the injustices of our society through hard work and struggle.

Most ethnic groups came to the United States voluntarily and perceived their immigration as a potential improvement in their status. The U. S. welcomed the earliest of these immigrant groups as a source of "free" labor so society may have discriminated against these groups but it did not dehumanize them.

African Americans, exploited as slave labor, did not volunteer to immigrate to the U.S. These men and women were dehumanized and they lost the precious freedoms that they had protected in their own cultures.

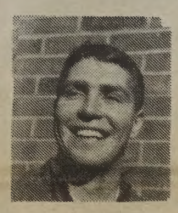
Ideally, we will one day construct Martin Luther King Jr's society in which children "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." We will need the government's intervention so long as men and women of different races are accorded different privileges and powers. It's time to level the playing field.

The market, by itself, will not reach an equilibrium in wages because many of its participants must first contend with often subtle institutional discrimination. This discrimination has a pervasive effect. It denies them access to skilled jobs; this and the disequilibrium in wages may function as disincentives to work for minority populations. Children, the great resource for these communities, are accorded fewer opportunities in both rural and urban schools across the country; their struggle and their progress remain unrewarded because employers won't give them a chance.

The media fuels the debate over affirmative action by "confusing" affirmative action programs with quota programs. Greg has made the same mistake. Lyndon Johnson first envisioned a program designed to remove the shackles on some individuals' legs so that they might compete equally. These programs included Head Start and AFDC nutrition aid. The quota system is a separate issue which must certainly be addressed. Pure affirmative action works to cure social ills where they begin instead of relying on dominant groups to make concessions (increasing their hostility). I am not a supporter of the quota system; I don't enjoy being the "token woman." We need to continue to target social programming toward equalizing the playing field at the source of the inequality.

From the Right

Greg Gagnon
Guest Columnist



This week's issue is affirmative action. I hope the reader will enjoy both "From the Right" and "From the Left." Please consider these articles to be your weekly dose of fact and fiction, respectively.

The goals of government-sponsored affirmative action programs are to eliminate racial and sexual inequalities. Affirmative action is designed to "remedy" past and current discrimination.

Large and small businesses are extremely fearful of affirmative action law suits. Because of this, it's in their best interest to initiate hiring quotas. If hiring quotas don't reflect the proper percentages, companies can be sued. Quotas are not officially legal, but they are extremely prevalent. Businesses should hire the best person for the job. Quotas and preferential hiring practices have done nothing to increase minority wealth. Frederick Douglass, a former slave and abolitionist, puts it well, "equality of numbers has nothing to do with equality of attainments."

Affirmative action programs discriminate against white males. Not all white males grow up in the middle class; many people in the lower income brackets are white. For them, affirmative action programs represent a hill they shouldn't have to climb. Affirmative action programs should be based on income, not race or gender.

Let's all pretend we're back in Economics 101, discussing the economics of discrimination. The professor is lecturing on a theory developed by Gary Becker of the University of Chicago. In class, we're looking are the free market of labor where the government doesn't intervene and there is no monopoly power in the market.

There are two people looking for a job, you and your friend Steve. Steve and you grew up together, went to the same schools, and have identical skills. Your productivity is the same as Steve's. Your hiring wage would be decided by the value you could add to the company. So, the value of your skills would equal your wage. Steve, however, belongs to an unpopular group and the employer may pay Steve less than the value his skills can add to the company. Steve is being discriminated against.

Companies can make a greater profit if they hire Steve. Steve is cheaper. Demand for Steve's labor increases (shifts to the right) which causes the price of Steve's labor (wage) to increase. Over time, the market will reach an equilibrium in wages. Now you and Steve will receive equal pay for equal work.

The only way this model doesn't work is if there is monopoly power in the market or if the government steps in. Unfortunately, in America the latter has occurred. Government action, though affirmative action programs, has perpetuated wage discrimination.

A study done by Peter Brimelow and Leslie Spencer really exposes the waste of affirmative action. Their study concluded the direct cost of affirmative action programs was $17 billion to $20 billion. Their definition of direct costs included the cost of regulation and compliance . The indirect costs of affirmative action programs come to $96 billion. That's a grand total of $113 billion to $116 billion: more than what was spent on all public education in the United States last year. Can America really afford this kind of waste? I certainly think we can find a better place for our money.

Wage discrimination continues to exist due to failed government policies. Present affirmative action programs are a waste of our tax dollars and America's scarce resources. I'm all for the goals for ending racism and discrimination, are you?

Issues and You

Taking things for granted

Dave Landers
Student Resource Center

I did a program last week in Ryan Hall. I had been asked by Joel, an RA, to come and talk with the men on his floor about academics, life at St. Michael's College and AIDS. An interesting combination of topics, I know, but it is not unusual for those of us who regularly do programs in the residence halls to be asked to talk on such a variety of issues.

There were 18 men gathered in the second floor lounge when I got there, and as we began our informal dialogue they seemed pretty happy, mostly voicing concern over demanding workloads.

As the conversation shifted to HIV infection and AIDS, however, it became very evident that these young men knew a lot about AIDS, but there was a question (as with many young people today) as to whether or not they DO what they KNOW. After all, most students know about alcohol and other drugs, about the pressures of today's society, and about the need to do well academically and to get the most out of an education, but time after time we realize that you don't always do what you know.

This group of young men seemed startled as I rattled off the current AIDS statistics: * 315,190 cases of AIDS in the United States as of June 1993; * AIDS was the leading cause of death in 1990 among young men ages 25-44 in 64 cities and five states; * 24 percent of all AIDS cases in the U.S. are men between the ages of 21 and 27; to name a few.

I was struck with the reality that denial is a great defense mechanism, especially for college students. You take for granted your youth, your health, your status, your opportunities, your families, your surroundings and the beauty of Vermont, your friends and relationships, and, and, and... the list goes on and on. I realize now that I am jealous not of your age, but of that ability to deny.

Taking too many things for granted can catch all of us off guard, unprepared to deal or cope with reality. I am not suggesting that you, as college students, lose your "innocence of youth," but I am suggesting that you be AWARE that you may be taking people, family, circumstances, and opportunities for granted.

That one extra drink (or two or three), the one more time that you forget to think and act safely, or the one time that you value the moment more than your life can be the one time that reality hits you so hard that you may not ever recover. Enjoy the benefits of your youth, but please think about these issues and the things that you are taking for granted.

HA! HA! Just For Yucks HA! HA!

Do you want to dance?

By Chris Hermann
Columnist

The night was mine, I owned it. Nothing I would do or say could go wrong. I was the man.

Stud-liness is a rare and precious gift that few can really appreciate. For me, one night would epitomize my status as the king of the come-back lines to girls (uh, I mean mature and visually stunning women) who were unable to recognize the perennial stud-muffin standing before them.

Everything was all set for me to have a good time at the clubs and cut a mean rug with some lovely ladies that night. I had my genuine imitation polo shirt (circa 1986) on with just enough gold shining around my neck to add a little dazzle. But of course I didn't need much more dazzle because of my amazing dance moves. (I have been mistaken many-o-times for John Travolta on the dance floor.)

With my hair impeccable as usual and my jeans by Calvin Klein fitting me just right, I doused on a plentiful amount of domestic cologne before I left my house for the evening. This was the good stuff too, none of that cheap stuff for me. I picked it up on sale at

Chris doing "The Hustle"

Mobil Mart and it lasts a good two or three showers before it wears out. I was all set.

I entered the dance club and immediately scanned the crowd for a dance partner to join me in "The Hustle".

Suddenly, from across the smoke-filled room our eyes met. She was perfect. Well, I actually didn't really see her that well with the smoke and everything but she was O.K. I guess. All right, I only got a glimpse of her and never really sustained a confirmed eye contact, but it was obvious that she wanted me, sorta.

I sashayed across the dance floor with ease. Hey, I was down with O.P.P, I was hip, I was chill, word to my mother. I had it all and I wasn't afraid.

She looked at me with her ice-cold blue eyes. Her hair flowed gently down and landed on her shoulders just right. (Salon perm? No, definitely Ogilvie Hair Perm.) She was a thing of beauty, a goddess of desire, a vision of loveliness of which caliber I had never seen before. Basically she didn't have a wedding ring around her finger or any facial tattoos. Perfect.

My approach was cool and calm. I managed to get within earshot of her and then let go my best pick-up line: "Uh, do you like wanna dance, or something?"

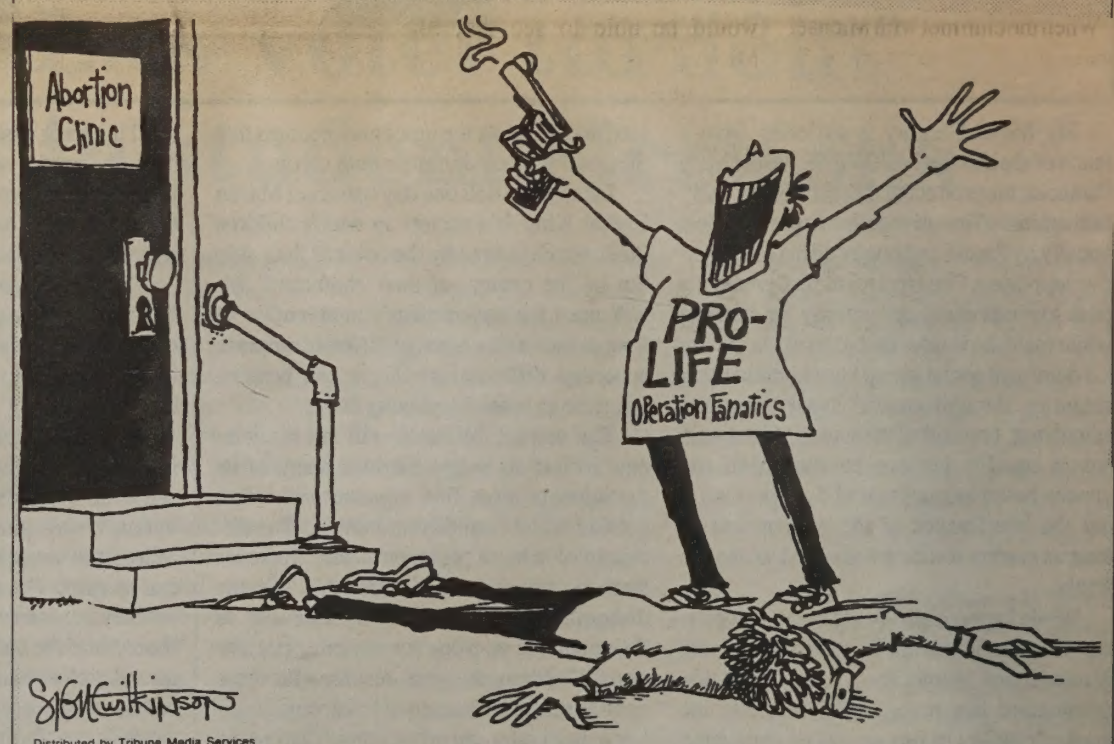
The magical glow suddenly disappeared. Her eyes sunk back into her head and the face of beauty cringed up into a snobby, bold faced image of cruelty.

"Get away from me you loser!" She yelled.

Without a blink of the eye or a flash of the dance floor's strobe light I casually uttered, "Oh, I'm sorry I don't think you heard what I said: not do you want to dance, but that you looked fat in those pants."

I didn't miss a beat, with the funky rhythms of Kool and the Gang in the background, I continued to disco across the floor.

A small smile and a confident strut was all I got from this girl, but then again nothing I could say or do could go wrong this night. I was definitely the man, and her? She was definitely just fat in those pants.



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Central American Festival

Saint Michael's College students from Central America will hold a festival of music, dance and more. Dressed in authentic traditional clothing from their homelands, they will perform ethnic dances, recite poetry, sing and present a drama, "The Legend Called Seguanaba."

Friday, October 1st, at 7:30 in the McCarthy Arts Center.

The festival is free and open to the public.

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FEATURES

Snowboarding club is up in the air until S.A. makes budget decisions

By Scott Caffrey
Staff Writer

In December, the Student Association will decide whether the Snowboarding Club will become unconditionally recognized. This would make the Snowboarding Club eligible for $2000 from the S.A. budget.

Of the club's 45 members, less than 25 percent will be able to use the money they now receive to enter competitions, Beth Trombley, the club's president, said.

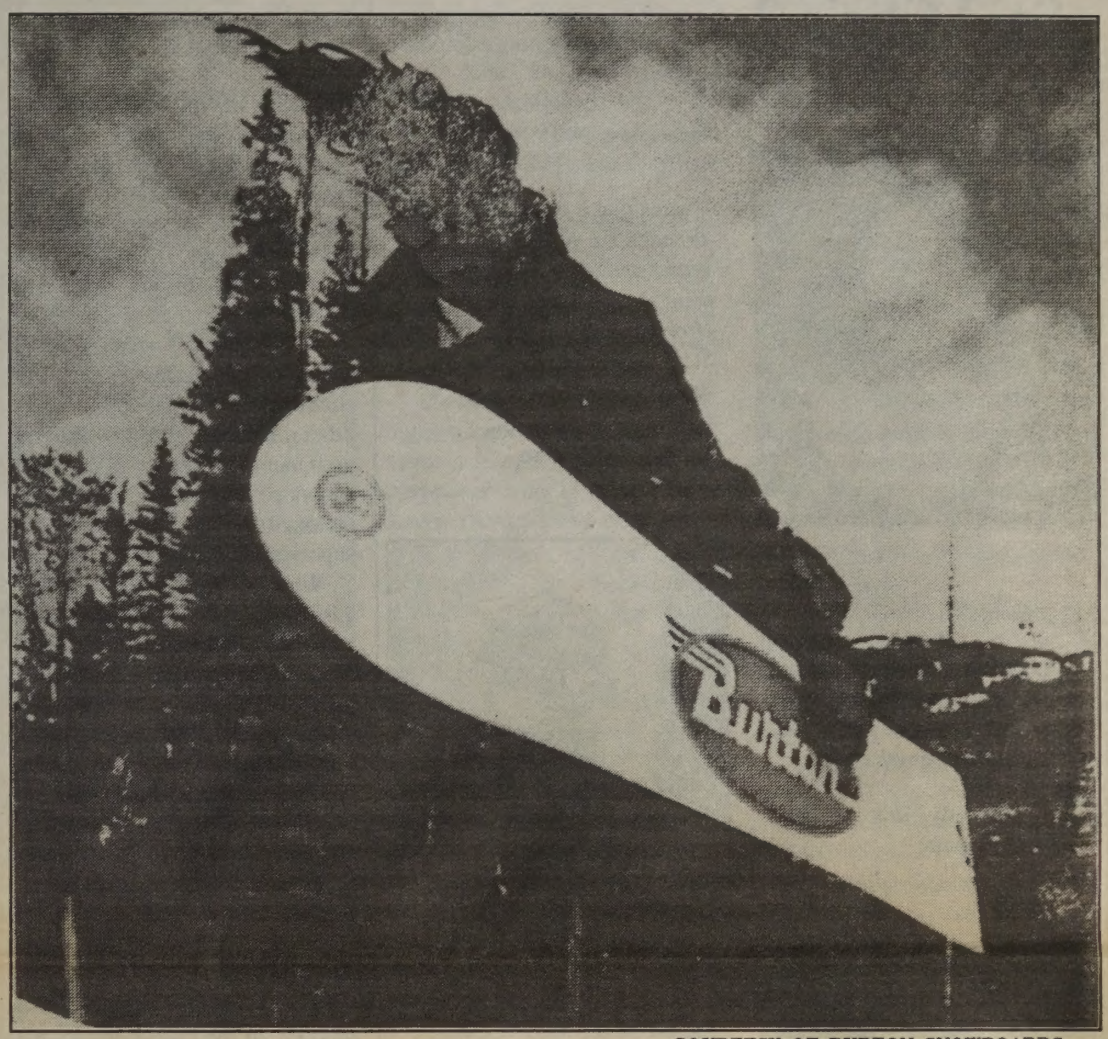
If the club had more money, Trombley said, more people would be able to compete. Money has been an ongoing problem for the club since it began last year, she said. Students had to drive themselves to and from the mountain and four of the club members competed by paying the $70 entry fee out of their own pockets, Trombley said. Most members have their own equipment and nearly everyone buys the "Big Pass" offered by Stowe and Sugarbush mountains because they can use them outside of the club, said Trombley.

When the club met with Michael Manna, the S.A.'s secretary of finance, it requested $1700. Manna said that if a conditionally recognized club receives $500. Unconditionally recognization entitles a club to $2000 to be budgeted for different amounts each year after that. Until December, when the club hopes to be eligible for $2000, it will have to find other means of funding. The club uses the $500 it now receives to pay for vans and gas money, Manna said.

The St. Michael's Snowboarding Club is in awe of the major funding given to other schools, Trombley said. For example, the University of Vermont boasts a large club that meets regularly to watch snowboarding videos, and to get involved in major competitions.

The club will use their time to practice for upcoming competitions and to help the beginners learn to snowboard. "Anybody can join. We'll even teach beginners," says Tricia Byrnes, professional snowboarder and member of the club.

Other professional snowboarders in the club are Club Vice President Marybeth Zambarano and Sean O'Brien. Trombley said that with so much talent, St. Michael's should get a lot of recognition at competitions. High school snowboarders would be able to see that St. Michael's is not only a great place to go to school, but also a place with an organized club for snowboarders to begin competing, Trombley said.



COURTESY OF BURTON SNOWBOARDS

Beth Trombley, snowboarding club president, puts a new twist on the sport

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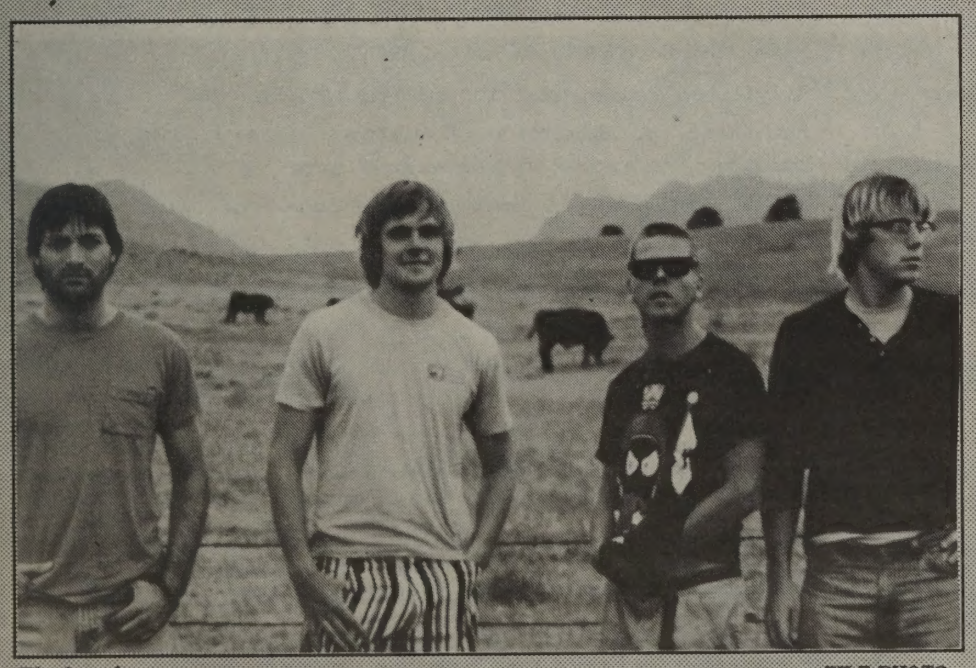


The Samples FILE PHOTO

The Samples, a Colorado band that traveled with the H.O.R.D.E. Festival last summer, will rock the St. Michael's campus at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 in Ross Sports Center.

Opening for The Samples is Morning Would, a semi-alternative band that is known to many St. Michael's students. The group of five, four of whom are St. Michael's seniors, was formerly called Up North.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously. We are just five guys having fun," said Chris "Blinks" Blanco, the band's vocalist.

Also opening for The Samples are the duo of Terry Stebbins and Shawn King, according to Jennie Cernosia, the director of Student Activities. Stebbins and King performed on the 300's field at St. Michael's during the "Welcome Back Bash" Sept. 18.

The Samples concert is sponsored by the Special Events Committee of the Student Association.

Tickets are $8 andwill be sold at the S.A. ticket booth in Alliot starting today, September 29.

Need a ride?

By Jake Mosher
Staff Writer

Like all freshmen who don't have cars on campus, downtown Burlington is a long walk away for Mario Lucca.

"I don't have a car, and I don't really know anyone who does," Lucca said. "I'd like to be able to get downtown sometimes, but I'm not sure how to do it."

St. Michael's offers two forms of transportation designed especially for students like Lucca, Tim Kinney, secretary of operations for the Student Assocation said.

The "Van To Nowhere" and Benway's Taxi Services will both provide rides to and from campus, Kinney said.

The Van To Nowhere, is just that, Kinney said. It runs hourly from 7 to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, he said.

"Students can get on and tell the driver where they want to go," Kinney said. The van could run to Church Street, The University Mall in South Burlington, or wherever students asked to be taken in the Burlington area, he said.

Benway's Taxi is another option for students who need transportation Kinney said. Students pay $12 and receive a card good for six rides, Kinney said. Ordinarily Benway's would charge about $4.75 for a one-way trip to the city, he said.

Freshman Rob Troy said he has used a punchcard to get downtown and thinks it's a good idea. "It gives me a way to get down there and it's cheap," he said.

Last year the SA sold about $100 worth of punchcards, Kinney said. This year they are on sale at the bookstore and the SA office in Alliot Hall, he said.

If a student gets stranded downtown, Benway's will take them to the college switchboard in Founders Hall, Kinney said. The student must leave their ID at the switchboard and can pick it up later for $2. This covers the cost of the ride, Kinney said. This way a student who has had too much to drink and has run out of money can safely get back to school, he said.

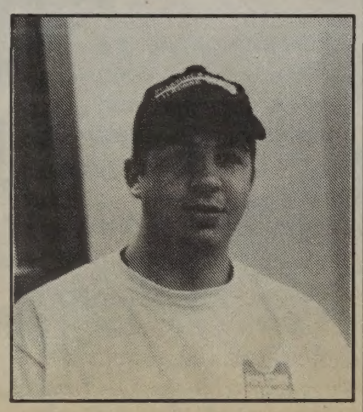
Kinney said there's plenty to do for students once they get a ride. "There's Merrill's Cinema, Lowe's Cinema, Church Street is cool, and The University Mall is fun," Kinney said.

Campus Speaks:

What do you think about the changes President Reiss has proposed for St. Mike's ?

"I think that it is a good idea to broaden the graduate pro grams and to increase enroll ment to international students. However, I do not like the idea of St. Michael's turning into a university."

• Coleen Condon
Sophomore

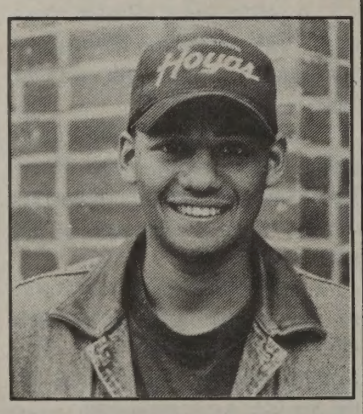


"The plan has potential as long as it doesn't lose sight of the four year undergraduate program which is the strength of St. Michael's."

• Andy Flint
Senior

"I think it's great for opening up doors for non-traditional students, who are returning to school."

• Sheryl Fleury
Student Life
Executive Secretary



"I believe in what Dr. Reiss is saying. I see that he is trying to help students financially, help the school, and attract perspective students to the school. In a sentence, he is investing in the future of St. Mike's. I support him."

• Jose Peralta
Junior

"I think it 's great and if it all worksout someday people will say,'Wow, you went to St. Michael's University'."

• Mike Manna
Senior

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SCOLA faces new obstacles

By Emily Ouimet
Staff Writer

Students and faculty are concerned about changes taking place in SCOLA, a non-profit service that brings foreign broadcasts to satellites across the country.

St. Michael's College has had a contract with the SCOLA program since 1991 and receives the broadcasts on one of the two satellite dishes on campus,Kathleen Rupright, chairperson of the modern language department said.

With the new changes taking place in SCOLA, concerns about the program still exist among students and faculty.

As recently as two weeks ago, professors from the French department discovered English subtitles on the broadcasts from France. The subtitles, which will appear every other month, are added by the programmers in France so the titles cannot be removed by SCOLA directors, Judy Schiller, language lab supervisor said.

When asked about the new English subtitles at least three modern language professors shook their heads with disappointment. One of these professors, Dr. Joseph Ferdinand, of the french department, said, "Subtitles have the potential to destroy our ability or desire to use SCOLA because there will be no benefit and will contradict the philosophy of teaching modern languages. The addition of English subtitles destroyed the spirit of the program."

Student reactions to the English subtitles on the French broadcasts were mixed. "I think it is a good idea to have subtitles but they should be in French so you can follow along," French minor Tasha Reiner said.

Sophomore Amy Rock said, "I think it defeats the purpose of SCOLA. You watch it to enhance your French skills and if you are reading the subtitles you are missing an important part of the lesson."

Along with adjusting to English subtitles faculty and students will face the challenges of getting to view SCOLA programs at all.

Many SCOLA broadcasts in high demand languages are limited to early morning or late evening air time. Spanish broadcasts from Mexico are shown at 6 a.m. on weekends and French spoken news from Canada is only seen at 11 p.m. on week nights, according to the schedule posted in the language lab.

Students who cannot view the program when aired must watch a recorded broadcasts which eliminate spontaneity because students tend to rewind the tape in an attempt to catch every word, Ferdinand said.

Judy Schiller, the supervisor of the language lab said, "The schedule right now doesn't accommodate our languages that well," but said that the SCOLA programmers have been contacted and efforts are being make to reschedule the most popular broadcasts, she said.

Modern language professors said they use SCOLA to enhance students'learning process and spark curiosity toward different cultures. SCOLA gives students a look at international news through the native languages and cultures they are studying.

"I liked the insight SCOLA gave into another culture and listening to native speakers helped me with my accent," Rock said.

Many studentsare asked to watch SCOLA regularly and write reports on what they saw.

"Even if students don't fully understand what is being said they benefit from being there, getting used to the sound and witnessing the use of the language they are learning," Ferdinand said.

Although they don't understand the language, some geography and political science classes require students to watch SCOLA to pick up a general sense of international cultures.

Currently the only place to view SCOLA is in the language lab, located on the second floor of St. Edmund's Hall, but that is about to change.

Plans call for three new SCOLA viewing locations. The library will house one in its first floor vending room and another in room 115. The third will be in St. Edmund's 113. All of the new labs will be equipped with wireless head sets allowing students to relax while viewing. The new SCOLA labs are expected to be completed and ready for use within the week.

Modern Language Professor, Adrian Languasco said she is optomistic about SCOLA's future."SCOLA has a tremendous future and is moving in the right direction to making people aware of other countries," she said

Ferdinand said, "SCOLA should be expanded to teach multiculturalism by including broadcasts from nations like Zaire, and Haiti."

Along with a wider variety of broadcasts many students and professors would like to see SCOLA in a more informal environment, he said.

Languasco said she hopes that SCOLA will become a "campus-wide activity involving more faculty and foreign students."

Student Resource Center Calendar:

Thursday, Sept. 30	Resume Workshop: 12 to 1 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 1	Resume Deadline: 4 p.m. (Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker)
Monday, Oct 4	Resume Deadlin: A.M. Peisch (acct. Mjrs) 4 p.m.; due in SRC
	Presentation: Deloitte & Touche 5:30 p.m. SRC
Tuesday, Oct. 5	Study Skills: Exam preparation 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; STE 102
	Interview sign-up deadline: Clarkson U. (MBA grad. prog.) 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 6	Presentation: Pre-law panel 6:30 to 8 p.m. Farrell Room
	Resume Deadline: Arthur Andersen 4 p.m. (MBA grad. program)
	Presentation: Clarkson University MBA program review 7 p.m. (all majors)

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Kicking Back

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Senior Ken Smith enjoys the afternoon while playing hackey sack.

Sheehey registers goals for future

By Shannon Cadres
Staff Writer

The new registrar considers serving students and faculty to be his number one priority.

John Sheehey replaced Maureen McNamara last June, when Mcnamara retired after serving more than 20 years as registrar at St. Michael's.

Sheehey's responsibilities include the maintenance of academic records, the preparation of class schedules, the registration of students for courses, and career counseling.

Sheehey said that degree auditing requires much of his time because it is necessary for him to provide advising in order to keep students on track in pursuing their degrees. He said he realizes how important is is for students to take all of the necessary courses to earn their degree.

Sheehey emphasized the importance of his office working as a unit. "We have a team approach," he said.

Sheehey said that he and his staff plan to help revise the computer system so students can register for classes over the phone. With the new system, advisors would have access to information about their advisees and course availability.

Sheehey said that he and his staff are trying to solve the problem of limited classrooms during particular time slots.

The registrar said he will also see that certain rooms are equipped with resources such as computers and televisions.

The staff is encouraging departments to spread courses out among different time slots. "Distributing classes throughout different time slots would help the classroom problem and increase students' choices," Sheehey said.

As registrar, he said he does not feel he has taken on any new responsibilities, but simply expanded the degree of his responsibility as associate registrar. "I now have ultimate responsibility, rather than just being a contributor," he said.

"We look at this office as a service office.

Students need to register for courses, faculty need to schedule courses, and students need grades and transcripts sent to graduate schools and possible potential employers," said Sheehey.

In registering students for classes, the registrar said he cannot possibly accommodate the needs of every student, but tries to be fair. "The person who needs the course the most should get it," he said.

A student who wants to take a class simply as an elective will not get the class if others need to complete requirements for their majors, Sheehey said. Seniority means nothing if a student simply chooses a class as an elective, he said.

He stressed the flexibility of the registration system. Some schools do not allow to drop and add classes, and is glad that St. Michael's does. "It's not a perfect system, but it's better than a lot of other schools," Sheehey said.

Some students said that Sheehey has a reputation of helping desperate students with getting the courses they need and solving other problems.

Sophomore Tara Fay said, "He is really helpful...thanks to him, I only have two courses left to fill out my core requirements."

Sophomore Phil Renzi said, "He went out of his way to help me, and settled my drop/add situation all in one day while my advisor was away."

Although the staff is planning to examine, update and document office policies, Sheehey said he himself has not yet made any drastic changes. "I want to move slowly in making changes. I think that Maureen McNamara ran the office very successfully for a long time. I am not anxious to disrupt things too quickly," he said.

Sheehey graduated from St. Michael's in 1970 with a degree in English. In 1972 he returned to St. Michael's, working in the admissions office. He remained there until 1989 when he was appointed to the position of associate registrar. He held this job under McNamara until this past spring.

Sheehey said he wants to help students in the best way that he can, and welcomes the input and ideas of any student. "Our prime focus is to assure that we are making progress in delivering better service to students," he said.

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Field hockey splits weekend series

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St. Michael's goaltener Kristen Lacey charges after a loose ball in an attempt to clear it away from a University of Maine-Farmington attacker in the Lady Knights 4-1 win.

Christine Maselbas
Staff Writer

The Saint Michael's field hockey team split a pair of home games last weekend by beating the University of Maine-Farmington 4-1 on Saturday and losing 2-1 to the University of Massachusetts-Lowell on Sunday.

After the weekend's action, the Lady Knight's record stands at 2-5.

Saint Michael's controlled the play from the start in Saturday's win. Freshman Tara Clarke scored the first goal at 12:37 in the first half assisted by junior Tracy Lehoullier.

The Lady Knights continued to keep the Beavers on the defensive, allowing freshman Lynn Elmer to score at 8:51.

After a UMaine-Farmington goal, the Lady Knights prevailed by scoring two additional goals; one by Elmer at 10:03, and another at 4:21 by sophomore Kate Mullany.

In the loss to UMass-Lowell, Saint Michael's had 14 shots on goal to UMass-Lowell's seven, but the Chiefs made the most of their scoring chances.

Last Wednesday, Middlebury defeated Saint Michael's 3-2.

Despite the losses, the Lady Knights came together as a team, starting with the Middlebury game, according to coach Anne Adams.

"People were happy with the type of game we started to play with skill and intensity level," she said.

The loss to Middlebury prepared the team for the Farmington game, she said.

"It really showed that the teamwork was working, "Adams added.

Overall, Adams believed that Saint Michael's really worked together as a team in all three games, she said.

Junior Tracy Lehoullier agreed by saying, "Before last week, we had a problem of scoring, but this week everyone was looking to score or help somebody score. We worked on pushing the ball up the field and getting it in."

Merrimack downs men's soccer team in overtime, 3-2

By Jeff Pecor
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A game the St. Michael's men's soccer team expected to be a stepping stone turned out to be a stumbling block.

The Merrimack Warriors came to Doc Jacobs Field on Saturday with at 0-5 overall and dead last in the Northeast-10 Conference (0-2) to take on the eighth-placed Purple Knights.

St. Michael's took a first half 1-0 lead on a 50-yard scoring bomb by sophomore Jay Pedone. The defense, anchored by senior goaltender Jon Zaffino, stifled Merrimack the rest of the half.

The second half opened up just as the first half left off. Sophomore Dave Antonioli took the ball and cut across the 18-yard box and scored on a left-footed shot to give the Knights a commanding 2-0 lead.

The game's momentum swung to the Merrimack side as the Warriors answered with a Joe Najim goal about mid-way through the second half top cut the St. Michael's lead to 2-1.

The big blow to the Purple Knights came with five minutes left in the match.

Zaffino charged out of the goal to successfully make a save, but was then penalized for holding a Merrimack attacker.

The Warriors were awarded a controversial penalty kick which Freshman Chris Streeter easily converted and tied the game at 2-2.

"We got hosed," said Dave Antonioli of the official's call. "He (Zaffino) didn't do it."

Saint Michael's finished the second half with an exciting flurry in front of the net, but could not manage to squeak one by Merrimack keeper Steve Lynch.

In the overtime, both teams mounted threatening attacks in a see-saw battle, but neither was able to finish with a goal.

In the second overtime Merrimack dominated the attack and Warrior freshmen Tom Boudreau finally broke the tie by scoring on a headball to the far post with just seven minutes remaining.

With the lead, Merrimack took a defensive stand for the remaining minutes.

With the 3-2 loss, Saint Michael's falls to 0-2-1 in the conference (1-3-1 overall), while Merrimack improves its record to 1-2 in the NE-10.

Warrior coach Tony Martone said, "We played well enough to win, but I feel bad for these guys. They played hard."

Saint Michael's head coach Les Johnson had identical feelings. "We played well enough to win, but we didn't," Johnson said.

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Lady Knights win meet title, men's team takes third place

Pothier sets cross country record

By David Mandleur
Staff Writer

The St. Michael's cross-country teams had another strong outing at the St. Michael's College Invitational last Saturday at the Catamount Family Center in Williston.

The Lady Knights, who were led by Susie Pothier (first place overall) and Erin Smyth (second place overall), captured the Invitational's title for the seventh time in eight years.

"Susie (Pothier) had a tremendous race and she ran it as hard as she could have, and it showed," said the women's head coach Margaret Ford.

Pothier, who set the record at the 3.1-mile course, finished in 20 minutes, 31 seconds. The sophomore has finished first in her last two races for the Lady Knights.

Smyth, a junior, finished in 21:11.

"I'm really happy about the women, we (the women and men) have been doing speed work and it's starting to pay off. It's now showing up in our performance," said Zafir Bludevich, the men's coach.

The Lady Knights' plan of going out hard and establishing themselves during the first mile worked to perfection.

"I think the team did really well. We started out strong together and finished strong," said junior Jean Finochetti, who placed ninth overall.

Trailing the Lady Knights were St. Anselm's, Lyndon State College, Norwich University, and Johnson State College.

The injury-plagued men's team finished in third place behind St. Anselm's and Norwich in the 4.7-mile race. Lyndon State and Johnson State placed fourth and fifth, respectively

Due to a variety of injuries, only 11 of the 15 team members competed for the Purple Knights. Pete Wefers, the top St. Michael's finisher, placed fifth overall in 26 minutes, 45 seconds with teammate Jason Turner coming in a close sixth in 27:04.

"I think the team did really well. We started out strong together and finished strong."
•Junior Jean Finochetti

"We were a lot tougher and more focused. We kept competing, that was the difference," said St. Michael's assistant coach Steve Dowd. "We reacted with guts."

Freshman Scott Jacobs returned from an injury to finish 21st out of 45 runners in his first collegiate race. Jim Austin, who did not run, is expected back for Saturday's Vermont State Meet at Middlebury College.

"We've had a series of injuries, but we're getting a lot, lot better. Two weeks ago, we got smoked by St. A's (St. Anselm's) and Norwich, but today it was a race. Next week, we'll beat Norwich," Bludevich said.

Purple Knight runner Wilson Waigwa was disqualified for throwing a punch at St. Anselm's Matt Zajac, who was also disqualified. According to Bludevich, Zajac shoved Waigwa while trying to pass him.

The dominating victory by the women and the strong showing by the men are good signs for the cross-country teams as they head into two of the most important races of the season -- the Vermont State Championships and the Northeast-10 Conference Championships.

The NE-10 Conference Championship, which will be held at the Catamount Center, is right around the corner on October 16.

Hosting the meet is an extreme advantage, according to Dowd and Ford.

"We can use the course to our advantage, we'll train here," Dowd said.

"We'd love to win at home if we could and we'll do the best we can. We are definitely at an advantage," Ford added.

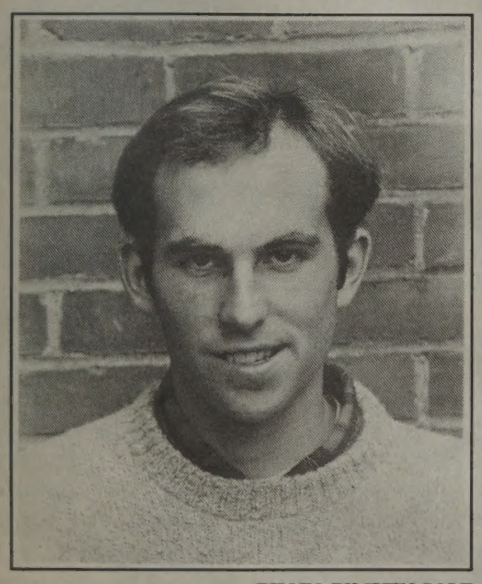
Before St. Michael's can take on the rest of the competition in the NE-10's, they have to concentrate on running well at the Vermont State Championship this weekend.

"As Yogi Berra once said, 'It ain't over 'till it's over.' I think we'll do well, I think we'll do very well," Bludevich said.

PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

A pack of runners charge down a sloping section of the course at the St. Michael's College Invitational men's cross country race on Saturaday at the Catamount Family Center in Williston.

Athletes of the Week



Pete Wefers

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Pete Wefers Cross Country

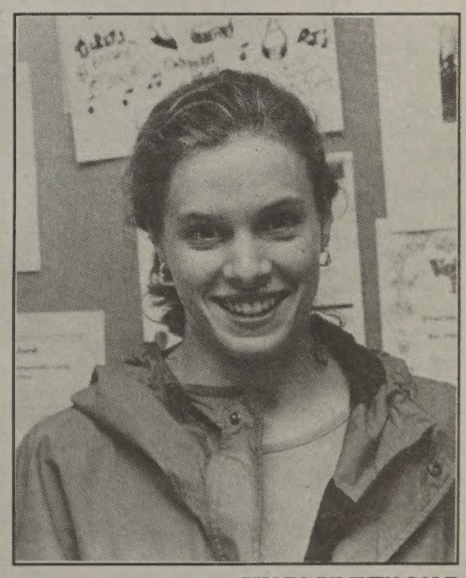
Wefers, a sophomore history major from North Andover, Mass., was the Purple Knights' top runner at the St. Michael's College Invitational at the Catamount Family Center.

He placed fifth overall by completing the 4.7-mile course in a personal-best time of 26 minutes, 45 seconds.

Susie Pothier Cross Country

Pothier, a sophomore exploratory major from Bradford, Mass., set a course record by running the 3.1-mile route in a time of 20 minutes, 31 seconds at the Catamount Family Center during the St. Michael's College Invitational.

She was the top finisher in the Invitational which was won by Lady Knights.



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Challenging Vermont's trails

Terrain to suit all types: Novices to 'mud puppies'

By Meri-Elizabeth Fulchino
Staff Writer

Attention all mountain bikers! Fasten your helmets and prepare for the ultimate biking experience! The time to celebrate is now while the ground is still in its peak season. So unlock "old faithful" and follow me over the river and through the woods in search of the area's best trails.

If you are looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the main roads, but are a little hesitant to try anything involving mud, there are a few local areas calling your name.

The University of Vermont campus offers a little taste of everything for the beginning rider. The paths around UVM are primarily paved with plenty of hills to climb and potholes to dodge (if you are feeling adventurous - dive in!).

Should you decide that the "educational" biking is not for you, but you still want something simple, the Lake Champlain Bike Path may have what you are looking for. Though there is very little challenge, you will find the change of scenery quite beautiful.

Now that we've hit a nerve with the novices, let's dare to venture a little further and quench the thirst of the moderately experienced biker.

Colchester High School, home of the most popular local trails, comes highly recommended by the staffs at several bike shops in the Burlington area.

"The trail begins on fairly flat terrain behind Colchester High School, then gradually works its way up into more rugged and strenuous terrain. We (the salespeople) go there all the time," said Rodney Putnam of the Ski Rack in Burlington.

There are a few small climbs and descents, even a few to make you wish you hadn't skipped breakfast, in-between fairly flat terrain.

"A mud puppy is a local term for mountain bikers who live for the wet, soft and muddy ground to ride on."

•Rodney Putnam of the Ski Rack in Burlington

"The best time to go is the morning after a good rainfall. The ground is still wet, and if you're lucky, you'll get some really deep mud puddles (and come home looking like the Swamp Thing). The 'mud puppies' love it," Putnam said.

'Mud Puppies?'

I risked sounding somewhat stupid by asking Putnam to define the term 'mud puppy.'

"A mud puppy is a local term for mountain bikers who live for the wet, soft and muddy grounds to ride on," Putnam explained.

So maybe you cannot avoid the educational experience altogether, but at least you can really enjoy the Colchester High School trails.

When asked to name the "ultimate" trail, Putnam responded with just one word, "Catamount."

Due to a sudden flow of customers, Putnam handed me a book entitled *"The Mountain Biker's Guide to Northern New England"* by Dennis Coello and told me to read about the Catamount trails while he worked.

Only eight miles east of Burlington, Catamount Center has over 20 miles of trails ranging in difficulty from the absolute beginner to the expert biker.

For those who dread climbs, Catamount offers more than six miles of "open field riding" with a few short climbs and descents. With the terrain being relatively flat, one can expect something resembling swamp land after a heavy rain. Apparently, that is what makes Catamount so popular (especially for the 'mud puppies').

If you are on the side of the insane, Catamount has various ski trails open for you to test your tires. According to Coello's book, the only hazard to watch for is exposed tree roots. Avoid these and you're set.

The only thing Catamount asks from you is to place three dollars in collection box at the entrance to the parking lot. Since there is no guard, payment is based on the honor system.

PHOTO BY SVEN COLE

Natalie Harmon, a junior(front), and Christy Mangione, a junior (in the background), test their mountain biking skills on a winding, open path.

If you don't mind driving to Richmond, the Bolton Valley Resort may be for you. With 62 miles of interconnecting trails, only one-third of which is groomed (in other words - if you don't watch where you are going, you wind up kissing the ground), and a maximum elevation of 3,000 feet, Bolton does not only challenge you -- it dares you. Before tacking Bolton, Coello warns in his book "check your brakes before even considering a decent." That sounds like good, solid advice.

According to Northstar Cyclery salesman T. K. Malone, Bolton is an anthill compared to the "ultimate of ultimate biking experiences, Mad River Glen." Located in Fayston, Mad River's 25 mile tour begins with a supervised course to test your climbing ability to the fullest.

After approximately five miles of fairly rugged but flat terrain, you begin a the 2,300-foot climb on a dirt road. This climb is followed two-mile decent which brings you to 1,073 feet above sea level. The rest of the ride is primarily on dirt roads, with patches of pavement, and a small 602-foot climb toward the end.

"A word of caution though the declines are very steep and the winding, so good brakes are essential," Malone said.

This whole "good brakes are essential" theme seems to take all the fun away from the whole biking experience.

Doesn't anyone like to free-fall anymore?

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Sven Cole, a junior at St. Michael's, maneuvers around a pile of bricks and through the underbrush on his bike.